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CALLS ON AMBASSADOR; SECOND RPF OUTLINES PLANS TO VISIT
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KAGAME PRAISES U.S. ROLE IN RWANDA

1. RPF MILITARY COMMANDER PAUL KAGAME MET WITH THE
AMBASSADOR AT THE RESIDENCE FOR APPROXIMATELY
FORTY-FIVE MINUTES ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 8.
THE HASTILY ARRANGED MEETING WAS AT KAGAME'S
REQUEST. KAGAME WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DR. EMMANUEL
NDAHIRO, ONE OF THE RPF'S SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES IN
KAMPALA. KAGAME OPENED THE MEETING BY EXPRESSING HIS
APPRECIATION TO THE AMBASSADOR AND THE EMBASSY FOR

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THEIR ROLES IN HELPING TO BRING ABOUT THE AUGUST 4 ARUSHA AGREEMENT. KAGAME SAID THAT HE HAD MET WITH AMBASSADORS HOUDEK AND FALTEN IN ARUSHA, BUT THAT HE WANTED TO CONVEY HIS PERSONAL THANKS TO THE AMBASSADOR WHILE HE (KAGAME) WAS IN KAMPALA. THE AMBASSADOR ACKNOWLEDGED THE THANKS BUT SAID THAT EMBASSY KAMPALA'S ROLE WAS INSIGNIFICANT IN COMPARISON TO THAT OF OTHERS. THE CREDIT FOR ARUSHA SHOULD GO TO THE RPF AND THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT.

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RPF WILL COMPLY FULLY WITH ITS ARUSHA COMMITMENTS

2. KAGAME SAID THE RPF WAS FULLY COMMITTED TO LIVING UP TO THE ARUSHA AGREEMENT AND HOPED THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD WOULD GO SMOOTHLY. TAKING A SWIPE AT PARIS, HE ACCUSED THE FRENCH OF DELAYING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THEIR TROOPS FROM KIGALI AND OF PUTTING OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF THE QUICK DEPLOYMENT OF THE UN'S NEUTRAL INTERNATIONAL FORCE (NIF). KAGAME SAID THAT THE RPF WOULD ACCEPT AN OAU FORCE OR A UN FORCE. THE

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COMPOSITION AND CONTROL OF THE FORCE DID NOT MATTER. KAGAME INSISTED THAT THE NIF SHOULD BE IN PLACE AND IN SUFFICIENT STRENGTH (500-1000 MEN) BEFORE HE AND HIS MEN MOVED INTO KIGALI. THE REAL TRANSITION WOULD ONLY BEGIN AFTER THE RPF LEADERSHIP WAS IN KIGALI. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD KAGAME THAT RPF LEADERS SHOULD ENCOURAGE PRESIDENTS MWINYI AND MUSEVENI, AS WELL AS INTERESTED AFRICAM LEADERS, TO URGE THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE OAU SECRETARY GENERAL TO SPEED UP THEIR EFFORTS TO DEPLOY THE NIF IN RWANDA. KAGAME SAID THAT EITHER HE OR RPF CHAIRMAN KANYARENGWE WOULD BE DOING THIS.

KAGAME WILL STAY IN THE MILITARY

3. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED KAGAME WHAT ROLE HE PLANNED TO PLAY IN THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD AND SPECIFICALLY WHETHER HE INTENDED TO LEAVE THE MILITARY. KAGAME SAID THAT DECISIONS ON WHAT POSITIONS VARIOUS RPF LEADERS WOULD ASSUME WOULD BE DISCUSSED AND DECIDED DURING THE COMING WEEK. HOWEVER, KAGAME SAID HE IS CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL REMAIN IN THE MILITARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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RPF FEELINGS TOWARD HABYARIMANA REMAIN COOL

4. THE AMBASSADOR ALSO ASKED KAGAME WHETHER HE HAD
MET WITH PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA DURING THE ARUSHA
SIGNING CEREMONY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD SUBSTANTIVE
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DISCUSSIONS WITH A NUMBER OF LEADERS IN HABYARIMANA'S
PARTY, BUT NOT WITH HABYARIMANA. KAGAME SAID THAT
BOTH HE AND RPF CHAIRMAN, KANYARENGWE WERE PREPARED
TO MEET THE RWANDAN PRESIDENT, BUT HABYARIMANA
EXPRESSED NO INTEREST IN DOING SO AND WAS DISINCLINED
EVEN TO SHAKE HANDS WITH KANYARENGWE AND SOME OF THE
OTHER RPF LEADERS. KAGAME ACCUSED HABYARIMANA OF
STILL BEING A RELUCTANT PARTICIPANT IN THE PEACE
PROCESS. DESPITE HABYARIMANA'S RELUCTANCE, KAGAME
REITERATED THAT THE RPF WILL LIVE UP TO ITS ARUSHA
COMMITMENTS. KAGAME CLOSED THE MEETING AS HE BEGAN
BY PRAISING U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE ARUSHA PEACE PROCESS
AND ENCOURAGING THE U.S. TO STAY INVOLVED THROUGHOUT

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RPF REP REQUESTS WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS

5. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 9, RPF NEGOTIATOR DR. THEOGEN RUDASINGWA CALLED ON THE AMBASSADOR. RUDASINGWA SAID THAT HE WOULD BE TRAVELLING TO THE U.S. AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE, LT. COL. TONY MARLEY, AND THE NEW STATE DESK OFFICER FOR RWANDA. RUDASINGWA SAID HE WOULD BE CARRYING A MESSAGE FOR A/S MOOSE FROM RPF CHAIRMAN KANYARENGWE. RUDASINGWA SAID HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH USAID'S ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR AFRICA, JOHN HICKS, AND WITH WORLD BANK REPRESENTATIVES FAMILIAR WITH DEMOBILIZATION ISSUES. RUDASINGWA IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 15 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT FROM AUGUST 16-21. THE AMBASSADOR ADVISED RUDASINGWA TO CALL THE RWANDAN DESK OFFICER.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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6. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE (IF AVAILABLE) OR DAS EDWARD P. BRYNN MEET WITH DR. RUDASINGWA. WE HAVE FOUND RUDASINGWA TO BE ONE OF THE RPF'S MOST INTELLIGENT AND ASTUTE LEADERS. A MEDICAL DOCTOR BY TRAINING, DR. RUDASINGWA HAS BEEN OUR MOST CONSISTENT SOURCE OF USEFU4/ACCURATE INFORMATION ON RPF THINKING AND ACTIONS. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT APPOINTMENTS FOR RUDASINGWA BE ARRANGED WITH COL. TONY MARLEY, THE NEW RWANDA DESK
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OFFICER, AND THE NEW AF/C OFFICE DIRECTOR.
ASSISTAMCE IN ARRANGING AN APPOINTMENT WITH ASSISTANT
AID ADMINISTRATOR HICKS WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL.

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